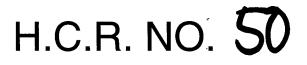
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018 STATE OF HAWAII



HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

		INCREASE IN THE STIPEND AMOUNTS OF ELECTION DAY CIALS.
1 2 3 4		EAS, each election, volunteers dedicate their time to elections process by serving as election day officials;
5 6 7		EAS, election day officials are integral to ensuring tions in the State are conducted fairly and ly; and
8 9 10 11 12	voters, p	EAS, election day officials are recruited to assist rovide operational support, and ensure the integrity of g process and serve in various capacities as:
12 13 14 15 16	(1)	Control center operators who respond to telephone inquiries and requests from polling places using a computer-based call center system;
10 17 18 19	(2)	Counting center officials who process, tabulate, and disseminate election results;
20 21 22 23 24	(3)	Delivery/collection officials who deliver ballots and election supplies to polling places on election morning, and collect voted ballots and election supplies after the polls have closed on election day;
24 25 26 27 28	(4)	Election information services officials who respond to general inquiries from the public and forward special circumstances to appropriate officials;
29 30	(5)	Facility officials, who set up election equipment at polling places on election eve, provide access to



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polling places on election day, and disassemble and 1 store the election equipment after the polls close on 2 election day; 3 4 (6) Precinct officials who assist voters at polling places 5 while ensuring the integrity of the voting process; 6 7 and 8 Precinct troubleshooters who monitor the polling 9 (7) places to ensure officials are following standard 10 operating procedures and replenish supplies as 11 necessary; and 12 13 14 WHEREAS, election day officials are compensated according 15 to a stipend schedule that is approved by the Chief Election 16 Officer; and 17 18 WHEREAS, stipends per election for election day officials are based on their position, for example, an election 19 information services official is paid a stipend of \$85, a 20 counting center official is paid a stipend in the range of \$85 21 to \$95, and most precinct officials are paid a stipend of \$85 22 23 but the stipend ranges from \$5 to \$175, depending on the scope of responsibilities and other factors; and 24 25 26 WHEREAS, the stipend amount per election varies based on workloads and time differentials or at the Chief Election 27 Officer's discretion, and election expenses are paid out of 28 appropriations made by the Legislature; and 29 30 WHEREAS, to serve as an election day official, one must 31 commit to a 60- to 90-minute training session that occurs before 32 the election day; and 33 34 WHEREAS, our State relies on a dedicated pool of election 35 day officials who begin work on election day at 5:30 a.m. in 36 37 time for the polls to open at 7 a.m., and work past 6 p.m., when the polls close; and 38 39 40 WHEREAS, some polling places are understaffed because not enough election day officials can be recruited; and 41



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WHEREAS, the stipend amounts for election day officials 1 have not increased since 2006, and increasing the stipend 2 amounts will enable greater retention and recruitment of 3 election day officials, thereby supporting a sustained level of 4 service to voters in the State; and 5 6 7 WHEREAS, the scope of responsibilities of election day officials, the length of their work day on election day, and the 8 shortage of volunteers serving as election day officials merit 9 an increase in the stipends of election day officials; now, 10 therefore, 11 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 13 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 14 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Elections, in 15 consultation with the Legislature, is urged to increase the 16 17 amounts of the stipends of election day officials; and 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Election Officer is 19 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than 20 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2019 21 regarding its recommendations for increasing the amounts of the 22 stipends for election day officials; and 23 24 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii 26 and the Chief Election Officer. 27 28 29 30 OFFERED BY: HCR HMS 2018-2372 3 MAR 0 1 2018